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PROCEEDINGS of THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

FIRST ASSEMBLY

EIGHTH SESSION—1936/1111.

Wednesday, the 22nd July 1936/7th Karkatakam 1111.

A joint sitting of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven of the Clock, the President, Khan Bahadur Nawab Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, K. C. S. I.; K. C. I. E.; KT., LL. D., Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

OATH OF OFFICE.

(The Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council called out Rao Bahadur **A.** Rengaswami Aiyar, Financial Secretary to Government, to take the oath).

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, there is no item in the agenda for 'swearing in'. Also, I do not know whether in a joint session, a member can take the oath as a member of either the Assembly or the State Council. That formal doubt arises. I wish to clear these doubts.

PRESIDENT: It is found that the Financial Secretary, who has got to present the Budget Estimates today to this House, is not a member of either Chamber at the present moment. Merely for the purpose of removing that defect and enabling the Financial Secretary to do what has to be done under the rules, to-day he is being permitted to be sworn in. But there is nothing in the rules prohibiting the Financial Secretary to discharge his duty. That must be admitted. Nor can this be regarded as a precedent for the future. It was that unfortunate defect which exists at the present moment that is sought to be removed. There is nothing very irregular about it.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Is it not open to an official member of a House to address either of the two Houses.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): In that case why should he take the oath now?

PRESIDENT: Unfortunately the Financial Secretary is not a member of either House.

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